

# LESSON 5

## DAVID DOESN'T KILL SAUL

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**DAVID DOESN'T KILL SAUL**

**Instructions:** Read the story below and circle the correct answer.

David and (Ahimelech, Abishai) went to the army by night, and there was Saul, lying asleep inside the (camp, cave) with his (spear, sword) stuck in the ground near his head. Abner and the soldiers were lying around him. (Jonathan, Abishai) said to David, "(I, God) has delivered your enemy into your (hands, pocket) this day. Now therefore, please, let me strike him at once with the spear, right to the (ground, mat); and I will not have to strike him a (second, safer) time!

But David said to (Saul, Abishai), "(Go, Don't) destroy him! Who can lay a hand on the LORD's (enemy, anointed) and be guiltless? The LORD Himself will deal with him; either his time will come and he will die, or he will go into battle and perish. But the LORD forbid that I should lay on a hand on the LORD's (anointed, son). Now get the (stick, spear) and the (helmet, water jug) that are near his head, and let's go."

### ISRAEL TIMES: INTERVIEW WITH ABISHAI

With all sorts of rumors about Saul and David running around the country, the Israel Times is here once again to give you the real story on what happened just a few days ago in the hills of \_\_\_\_\_. We know that \_\_\_\_\_ took his army and set out upon hearing rumors about David's location. We also know that they did finally meet each other, but instead of battling each other, something very unexpected happened: they exchanged a few words, and then Saul picked up his army and walked away peacefully! What happened between these two great men?

We are here today to interview someone who was right there with David every step of the way. Please pick the words from the word bank to fill in the blanks.

**Q: First, could you tell the readers who you are?**

A: My name is \_\_\_\_\_. My brother is \_\_\_\_\_, and I am a very close friend of \_\_\_\_\_.

**Q: Could you tell us a bit about your situation when Saul arrived at your hideout?**

A: Well, we had heard that Saul was on the move, so we sent out some \_\_\_\_\_ to scout the area. We discovered Saul and his \_\_\_\_\_ nearby.

**Q: And what happened once David was told? Did he decide to run?**

A: Actually, he didn't! David surprised all of us when he turned to us and asked this question: "Who will go down with me to Saul's camp?"

**Q: How daring! What happened then?**

A: Well, knowing that David must have some sort of plan, I volunteered. We went down into Saul's \_\_\_\_\_ and found Saul. He had his \_\_\_\_\_ stuck in the ground next to him, and \_\_\_\_\_, Saul's second-in-command, was sleeping nearby. Seeing this, I naturally thought, well, this must mean that God has delivered Saul into David's hands! If I struck Saul down now, then David would no longer have to run, and would instead take his rightful place as king.

**Q: But you didn't, obviously.**

A: No, David told me, "Do not destroy him; for who can stretch out his hand against the LORD's \_\_\_\_\_, and be \_\_\_\_\_? As the LORD lives, the LORD shall strike him, or his day shall come to die, or he shall go out to battle and perish. The LORD forbid that I should stretch out my hand against the LORD's \_\_\_\_\_. But please, take now the \_\_\_\_\_ and the \_\_\_\_\_ that are by his head, and let us go."

**Q: That was it? That's all you did while you were in Saul's camp?**

A: Yes. We went back to our own camp, and then in the morning, David called out to Saul's camp. He asked Saul why he was chasing him. David then showed Saul the spear and water jug that he had taken, and Saul realized that the Lord had given David a chance to kill Saul. But David, being full of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, didn't take that opportunity. It was then that Saul saw that chasing David was the wrong thing to do. So, he packed up his army and went home.

**Q: Wow! David sure looks at things differently from regular people. Most would see someone chasing them as an enemy that needs to be killed.**

A: That's true. But David's different because he's so close to God, and he sees things from God's perspective. David sees Saul as the Lord's anointed, not as an enemy. That's why he treats Saul so carefully even though his life has been threatened so many times.

Well! That sure clears up a lot of puzzling questions about the events that transpired. Thanks for joining us at the Israel Times today! We'll be back next time with more national news.

### FEARING GOD

When we talk about "fearing God," we don't mean to "fear" Him in the normal sense of the word. That is, we are not simply scared of Him. Look up the following verses and write down what each of them says about fearing God. Once you have a better understanding of the word, write down a few ways you think you can demonstrate your fear of God in your daily life.

Reference	"To fear God means to..."
Psalm 128:1	
Psalm 111:10	
Deuteronomy 10:12	
Proverbs 3:7	
Acts 10:35	
Isaiah 11:3	

## GOD'S WAY VS. OUR WAY

**Instructions:** Read the following scenarios and answer the questions that follow.

### Scenario 1

Sebastian loved soccer and was excited to try out for his school team. His parents saw his excitement and encouraged him to attend the soccer tryouts. There were only ten spots open, so the competition was very fierce. One by one, the spots were filled. The last spot was either going to go to Sebastian or another boy in his class who was just as skilled as he was, maybe even a bit better. Sebastian saw his dad talking to one of the coaches and handing him something. When his dad saw him watching, he winked and gave Sebastian a thumbs up and a big grin. Sebastian wondered what was happening. The coaches deliberated and announced Sebastian would take the last spot. After the tryouts, Sebastian heard his dad say to his mom that he knew how important being a part of the soccer team would be for his son, and that he made sure it would be so. That night, Sebastian rolled around on his bed, thinking about the soccer tryouts. He really wanted to be a part of the team, but he knew it was wrong for him to have an unfair advantage because of his dad. If he wanted to do what was just and fair, he would have to speak up and probably lose his spot. Before falling asleep, Sebastian prayed to God and asked for courage to do what was right. Because he feared God, he also inquired of God's guidance about whether he should stay on the team.

The next morning, Sebastian went to the soccer coaches and explained that he believed that the other boy competing for the last spot was more talented than he was, and that he didn't want to be awarded the last spot without having truly earned it himself. The coaches discussed it and decided to give Sebastian and the other boy one more chance to try out for the team. That day, Sebastian noticed that he was running faster and scoring more goals than he had in his last tryout, but he didn't feel as if he were doing anything differently from the last time. At the end of the tryout, the coaches again decided to give Sebastian the last spot. They also decided that the boy he was competing against would join the team as a back-up. The other boy came over and thanked Sebastian for being fair and helping him get a second chance to make it onto the soccer team. Sebastian felt relieved that this time, he had earned his spot, and thankful to God for giving him the courage and speed to fulfill his dream of becoming a part of the team fairly.

**Scenario 2**

Catherine was a stellar student. She would read the lessons the previous night, take detailed notes during class, and turn in her homework on time. A big test was coming up, and all the students were very nervous about it. During lunch, some of Catherine's friends were whispering about a secret answer sheet they could all share to pass the test. Catherine had been studying for a couple of weeks already, but the test was so difficult that she wasn't sure if she would get a good score on it or even pass it. If only she could take a look at the answer sheet, then she would be sure to ace the test. All her friends agreed to meet after school that day to copy the secret answer sheet. Catherine was torn. If she didn't get a copy of the answer sheet, she might fail the test. But if she used the cheat sheet, all of her hard work during this school year would be meaningless. Catherine thought and prayed silently during the classes after lunch until the end of the school day. When the final bell of the day rang, she saw her friends rushing off to the agreed meeting place to copy the answer sheet. After hours of reflection and prayer, Catherine knew she couldn't go along with them because she feared God and knew that He expected better behavior from her. She continued studying in the week before the test and trusted that God would be there by her side when she took the exam.

The day of the test arrived, and for three hours, Catherine answered the questions to the best of her knowledge. Her friends finished the test quickly and left the classroom with big smiles on their faces. A week later, the test results were announced, and Catherine found that she had scored in the top 10%. What was surprising was that her friends' names were not included in the roster. She learned later that day that all the students who had used the cheat sheet were caught, so their test results were invalid. They would be receiving disciplinary action for academic dishonesty. By fearing God, Catherine kept a clear conscience and passed her big test.

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# Homework Assignment

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Weekly Bible Reading:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Bible Reading:** Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

**Prayer:** Check each box after you pray to God that day.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

## What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. (**Proverbs 3:5**)

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## True or False

1. Abner went with David to Saul's camp. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Saul admitted he was wrong for chasing David. \_\_\_\_\_

## Short Answer

3. Why would it have been wrong for David to attack Saul? How did David make the right choice by sparing Saul's life?
4. Explain the meaning of this week's memory verse.
5. Describe a time when someone did something mean to you. How did you feel? What did you do to calm yourself or feel better?
6. Describe a time when you needed to make a difficult decision and share the feelings you had during this time. Based on what you learned in class today, do you believe you made the right decision at that time? Would God be pleased with your choice? Explain in detail.